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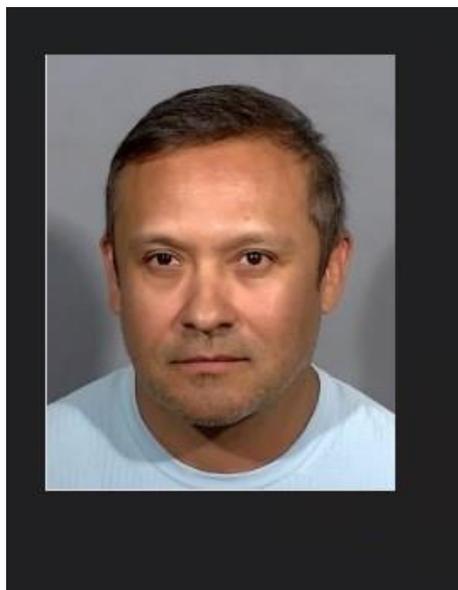
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Solar Company Contractor Accused of \$250,000 Theft from Seniors: Nevada State Contractors Board Announces Specialized Solar Investigations Unit



LAS VEGAS – The Nevada State Contractors Board (NSCB) announces the arrest of Lifetime Power solar company contractor (general manager) Guadalupe Derek Carbajal, 43. Carbajal is accused of contracting with senior homeowners during the past two years and collecting approximately \$250,000 without performing any work. Lifetime Power was located at 4083 Dean Martin Drive in Las Vegas.

“This case is so egregious, the Nevada State Contractors Board called upon the Office of the Nevada Attorney General for prosecution,” said NSCB Executive Officer Margi Grein.

Carbajal faces seven felony counts and one misdemeanor in an apparent violation of Nevada Revised Statutes (NRS) Criminal Theft. If convicted, Carbajal faces up to 65 years in prison.

Additionally, the NSCB is announcing the creation of a new specialized solar investigations unit. The unit will specifically target solar complaints involving theft, fraud, abandonment, diversion of funds, and unlicensed contracting. This specialized solar unit will partner with entities across Nevada to include prosecutorial agencies in an effort to provide increased consumer protections regarding solar scams, deceptive loans and aggressive sales tactics. Additionally, the unit will also conduct workshops for both members of the public and licensed members of the solar industry to create a higher level of accountability in the state of Nevada.

The NSCB reports the total number of consumer complaints against solar companies has risen from 11 percent in 2022 to 18 percent in 2023. Of greatest concern to the NSCB are the large down payments being required of homeowners prior to any work being performed, as well as unlawful and predatory sales tactics being used by both licensed and unlicensed contractors.

Consumers interested in purchasing solar panels for their home are urged to obtain at least three bids, verify the contractor's license of each company with the NSCB, and review the contract terms in great detail or with an attorney before signing, especially with regard to financing or related payment terms.

The Board welcomes anyone who has been harmed by a residential solar company to [file a complaint with the Board](#) or contact the NSCB at SOLAR@NSCB.STATE.NV.US or give us a call for further assistance. Following an investigation, homeowners may be eligible for financial recourse through the Residential Recovery Fund, which affords up to \$40,000 per validated claim.

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The Nevada State Contractors Board is committed to ensuring the integrity and professionalism of the construction industry in Nevada. The NSCB has the responsibility to promote quality construction by Nevada licensed contractors through a regulatory licensing system designed to protect the health, safety and welfare of the public. For more information about the Nevada State Contractors Board, please visit www.nscb.nv.gov.

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